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Hi,

I am an avid Be OS* user. I have also used every version of Microsoft
Windows starting with version 3.0.   I would like to offer some
suggestions as to what should be done with Microsoft.

First, it is important that Microsoft be forced to release all of their
APIs, such as DirectX, so that compatible system can be made that will
allow Windows-based games and programs to run on other platforms.

Second, I believe it would be in the best interest of everyone if
restrictions were extended for more than 5 measly years. Five years will
not be long enough to allow comparable competing operating systems to
develop and reach market.

Third, disallowing Microsoft to enter any mergers for the next 5 to 10
years would prevent them from hiding their monopolistic nature behind
seemingly innocent agreements.

Finally, Microsoft must not be allowed to integrate ANY application with
any of their operating system products. It is denying the consumer
freedom of choice while using their computers, because they are unable to
easily remove the integrated software. Also,, a point that must be made
is that integrated software just adds more code that will add more bugs
and degrade the value of the product, regardless of how helpfull Microsoft
will put it off to be.

In conclusion, I hope that y'all will find my suggestions helpfull. Being
a computer technician and avid alt-OS (non MS operating systems) user, I
feel that I should do all that I can to aid the legal actions against
Microsoft.

* Be OS was created by the soon-to-be defunct Be, INC. Their
destruction is obviously at the hands of Microsoft. Be, INC had deals in
the works with various computer makers to ship Be OS in a dual-boot setup
with all/most/some of their machines. Microsoft's previous agreements
with these companies forbade them from allowing anything other than
Windows to boot the machine, meaning that not even a boot-menu would be
allowed. *

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